

1968 District Calendar

JANUARY

13-19 Christian Education Training Month
M.F. Firing Line and WMC Heartline Tour
District Presbytery
26-27 C.A. Sectional Reps. Conference - Vacaville
22 BBC Registration, Spring Semester
27 Christian Education Commissions

FEBRUARY

Firing Line and Heartline Tour continued
WMC Penny Rallies
3 Royal Rangers Commanders Conference
4 BGMC Day
8-9 Ch. Ed. Sectional Reps Seminar
9-10 BBC Alumni Homecoming
12-16 BBC Missionary Convention
23-24 C.A. Youth Leaders Conference - Concord
25 National WMC Day

MARCH

3 Special Day of Prayer for District Convention
4-7 DISTRICT COUNCIL Convention - Oakland Civic Aud
Thos. F. Zimmerman, Speaker
4 M.F. Victory Banquet, Phil Hogan
5 WMC Day
5 Friends of Youth Banquet - Dave Wilkerson
5 Youth Rally Night - Dave Wilkerson
6 WMC Luncheon
7 Christian Education Luncheon
16 M.F. Presidents Seminar
22-23 Christian Educator's Convention - San Jose

APRIL

8-12 YMM Witness - Lodi
11 Missionette Convention
14-June 2 Loyalty Campaign
19-20 S.S. Leadership Seminar - Bethel, Hayward
23-24 WMC Sectional Directors Seminar
26 BBC Campus Day
28 National C.A. Day

MAY

4 WMC Mother-Daughter Banquets
5 Teen Bible Quiz Finals
9-11 National Light-for-the-Lost
24 M.F. "Days of Refreshing"
24 BBC Baccalaureate
25 BBC Commencement

JUNE

9 National School of Missions
16 Christian Ed Camp Enlistment Day
20-22 Royal Rangers Sunday
24-28 Royal Rangers "Camporees"
28-July 7 YMM Home Missions Invasion
Bethany Park Family Camp
Mt. Lassen Adult Camp
30 Regional Talent Quiz Finals
30 YMM Departure - Panama

JULY

1-6 C.A. Camp - Redwood
4 RFFM - Bethany Park
7 RFFM - Lassen Camp
8-13 Boys and Girls Camp - Bethany Park
10-21 Redwood Adult Camp
21 RFFM - Redwood
15-20 Boys and Girls Camp - Lassen
22-27 C.A. Camp - Bethany
29-Aug. 3 Boys and Girls Camp - Redwood
C.A. Camp - Lassen
YMM Return

AUGUST

5-8 WMC Bethany Park Retreat
5-10 Boys and Girls Camp - Silver Spur
19-24 C.A. Camp - Lake Tahoe
26-29 Special Council on Evangelism - St. Louis, Mo.

SEPTEMBER

3 BBC Registration - Fall Semester
16-28 Ministers Institutes
23-27 BBC Fall Revival
29 S.S. Check-ups

OCTOBER

12 M.F. "Assembly-Men's" Convention
14-18 PLANNING COUNCIL
26-Nov. 2 Christian Ed Regional Convention Tour

NOVEMBER

1-30 Speed-the-Light Tour
9 M.F. Action Crusade Seminar
11 "Y" Convention - WMC
28-30 C.A. Convention
S.S. Sectional Supt. and Pastor's Recog. Banquets

DECEMBER

1 M.F. Men's Day
12 BBC Sounds of Christmas Music
30-Jan. 3 YMM Witness - Manteca

JANUARY 1968

GLAD Tidings

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT



GUEST EDITORIAL

"...AND THIRDLY..."

by Evangelist-Teacher George Holmes



"In my church, I like to strike a balance between evangelism and teaching." Pastor X's philosophy is sound, and doubtless, accounts for his thriving church.

God has well provided for the Christian's development in grace. Paul plants, Apollos waters, but God makes the seed grow. "Planter and waterer are alike insignificant, though each shall be rewarded according to *his particular work*." (1 Cor. 3.8 Phillip's)

His *particular work*. A man's potential for ministry is settled by God. Thus, in the Antioch church were "certain prophets and teachers." (Acts 13.1) Their ways of speaking were entirely different but both were endowed by God, and the church needed this diverse ministry. Fortunately, it was not 'either/or'—the church had the advantages of both. These ministries were not competitive but jointly contributive to a well balanced diet for the saints.

Likewise, God gives evangelist, pastor and teacher that, first, people might be won to Christ for forgiveness. Thereafter, God intends that these people shall be "properly equipped for their service, that the whole Body might be built up until

the time comes when, in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity—that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ.'" (Eph 4.12-13 Phillip's)

Evangelism is sowing the seed: teaching is watering and feeding the plants. The pastor gathers the harvest. "God has harmonized the whole Body by giving importance of function to the parts which lack apparent importance.")1 Cor. 12.24 Phillip's) So, the ministry of the teacher may appear less spectacular (i.e. lacking apparent importance) but this is adjusted by God who affirms "... thirdly teachers, *after that* miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (1 Cor. 12.28) Importance precedes prominence.

Pastor X was clever enough to see this, so, by balancing the declarative ministry of the evangelist with the interpretative ministry of the teacher, he "helped them much which had believed through grace." (Acts 18.27)

Anointed Bible teaching revives Christians—the only people that can be revived. All others are dead and need the new birth.

The anointed expounder is a teaching-preacher. By his ministry God makes the Word run like a stream in the desert. The Bible, which to many has become tasteless, sparkles with new life. Folk, who have lost the zest of spiritual youth and not attained the joys of spiritual fatherhood, become intoxicated with delight.

As lesser known passages are interpreted, Christians enjoy thrills of discovery and their hearts are liberated by understanding and insight. Dull appetites are quickened: new life flows.

Instead of ponderous pronouncements, God's doctrine drops as the rain; it distills as the dew and as showers upon the grass. What refreshing: how inspiring. No wonder people keep coming for more.

"Are all teachers?" (1 Cor. 12.29) The answer is obvious. Therefore, the teacher, like his brother the evangelist, exercises a roving commission. His travels are not for his own pleasure but because he has a specific work appointed by God. He has what all Christians need—and want. They will come for it.

Yes: Pastor X is way ahead.

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The Chaplain Takes A Bride

Chaplain (Cmdr. U. S. N.) and Mrs. David Plank are now residing in Arlington, Mass. while David is attending Graduate School at Harvard University.

The Chaplain and his lovely wife, Patricia (nee McDaris), were united in marriage in the First Assembly of God, Taft, California, with Pastor Leonard Palmer and Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiating.

We wish the Planks God's good blessings upon their ministry to the military. At the end of the school year the Chaplain will be assigned to a new post of duty with the U.S. Navy.



CONGRATULATIONS

Reverend and Mrs. Noel Wilson recently welcomed a fine little son and called him Peter Joel. He was born on October 14, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz.

Kenneth Andrew Walton chose November 23rd as his natal day. He is the son of Jim and Virginia Walton of Citrus Heights.



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



Question: May a person give his home to charity (church, district, school, mission, etc.) for an income tax deduction and still live in it?

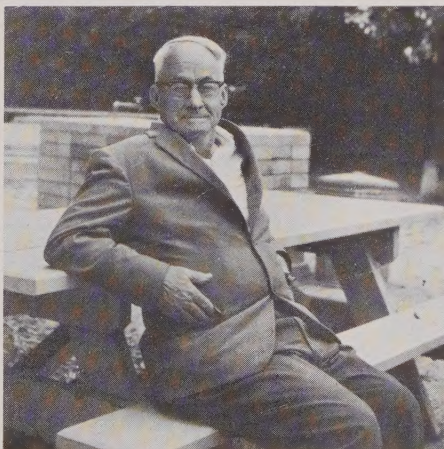
Answer: Yes. You get an immediate tax-deduction that can possibly be spread over several years. This would be the same estate tax advantage as though you had given the property by a will. You can use the property for as long as you want. If you continue to pay real estate taxes on your home after giving it, you can deduct them even though you no longer own the property. Keep in mind, however, that gift must be made to a qualified, non-profit corporation. (Rev. Rule 67-21, IRB 1967-4). Write me for further information.

"No Plaudits . . . No Bells"

For more than twenty-five years this District has been blessed by the unheralded, unrewarded services of a faithful man of God. Few of you know his name but he serves you every month. Brother Earl Roper began putting the Glad Tidings Magazines in the mail when the office was still in the Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.

After all of these years, Brother Roper is still the man who comes into the office once a month and gets several thousand magazines wrapped, addressed and in the mail bags and sees that they are delivered to the Post Office.

"What would we do without Earl?" This question is asked very frequently when we see him quietly, efficiently and happily filling up those G. T. mail sacks. Earl, We just wanted to say a great big, "Thank You! God Bless You!"



EARL ROPER

Bethany Plans Expansion

It has just been announced by Dr. C. C. Burnett that an architectural firm is now in the process of preparing a master-plan for a ten-year development program at Bethany Bible College. Also plans are being laid for a capital fund drive to be launched during Bethany's Jubilee Year, 1968-69. Both of these programs will be conducted through Bethany's new development office, headed by Rev. Oliver E. Summers.



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C. M. WARD, SPEAKER

SONDRESTROM, GREENLAND . . .

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DID YOU HAVE A PART . . .

. . . in taking the broadcast to this serviceman? We hope you did. 82 Assemblies of this District supported REVIVALTIME during the last month. Two new stations were added during the month, KEWQ, Paradise, sponsored by the local churches and KCNO, Alturas, sponsored by the Assemblies of Alturas, Burney, Susanville, Klamath Falls, Oreg. and Lakeview, Oregon.

COLD WAR

where do we use it?

By Paul Harvey

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Has Christianity lost its forward thrust?

The 116 million churchgoers in the United States are more than ever before. That's an increase of 30 per cent in ten years. But illegitimacy has increased 300 per cent.

Pornography has become a 500 million dollar a year business.

Venereal disease has increased 72 per cent in one year!

Our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year.

And crime is increasing four times faster than our population is increasing.

Juvenile crime is increasing five times faster.

For every dollar we spend on churches we spend \$12,000 on crime.

Our nation has 7 million alcoholics and 3½ million problem drinkers.

Combine all the money we spend on religion, education, medicine and automobiles — and the money we give to gamblers is greater than all those put together!

Ours is the most civilized, most Christianized nation on earth, yet — 37 million of our own children receive absolutely no religious instruction.

What I'm saying is that we have more preachers in the United States

—but we are paying less attention to them—than any time in our nation's history. The Devil's disciples are obviously better salesmen.

Our clergy is not being persecuted, it's being ignored.

Methodist Dr. Kermit Long says, "With all our education, our theology, our fine buildings, our image of the church, we are doing less to win people to Christ than our unschooled forefathers did."

He says, "We're no longer fishers of men, but keepers of the aquarium, and we spend most of our time swiping from each other's bowl."

What makes a nation strong? What keeps its people safe?

If political organization and regimentation would do it, Rome would never have fallen. If military power would do it, Germany would never have fallen.

De Tocqueville said, "America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

America is ceasing to be good!

Mr. Clergyman, the responsibility is yours. Whether you like it or not, you are a command officer in the cold war.

And—we're losing.

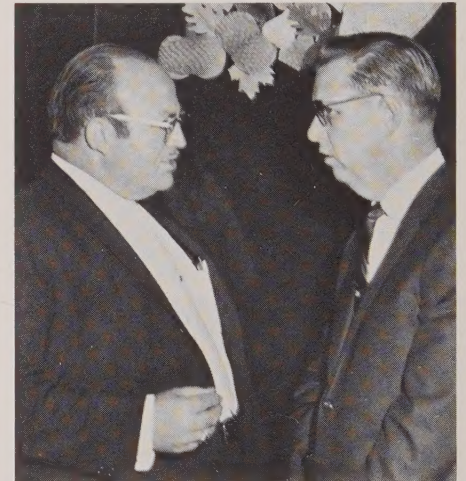
Whatever your strategy has been, it's not been good enough!

Gift Doubles Through 'Matching Gift' Program

A gift to Bethany Bible College of \$500 was increased to \$1,000 recently as the result of a program known as "Matching Gifts."

Mr. Ralph G. Matsen of Eureka, who is a representative of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, recently gave \$500 to Bethany Bible College. Since his company cooperates in this Aid to Education program, Bethany received another check in the same amount from his company.

There are a large number of companies who participate in this program and Bethany Bible College would be happy to supply a complete list to those interested. Direct your inquiries to Dr. C. C. Burnett, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California.



Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College, chats with Mr. Ralph Matsen of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, from Eureka, California, during a recent College Council banquet held on Bethany's campus.



100 ATTEND "PIONEERS" CONCLAVE

The "PIONEERS" of the Northern California and Nevada District held their third annual rally in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Oct. 24. Approximately one-hundred ministers and laymen who had been saved and working for the Lord prior to the year 1940 gathered together for two grand old-fashioned services. A lovely dinner was given by the host church.

In the absence of Reverend Claude Wood, the Reverend R. J. Thurmond had charge of the services. Reverend C. Ely Persing brought to memory some of the "Pioneers" who had

finished their early journey since our meeting last year. Included in this number were Reverend E. E. Zimmerman, Chairman of the "Pioneer" Fellowship, and Mrs. Harriet Wilson, wife of our Assistant District Superintendent.

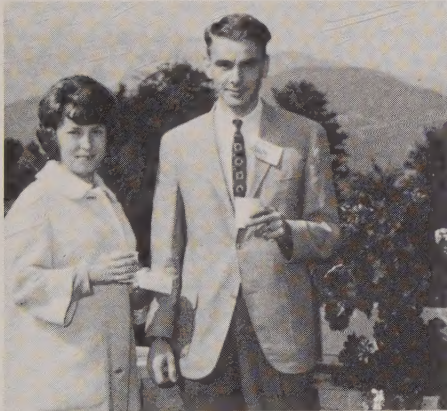
Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart gave encouragement and inspiration in his remarks. Reverend Leonard Rogers brought a fine message from Ephesians, Chapter 2.

Rev. Louis Weston was elected to serve on the committee with R. J. Thurmond, Leonard Harris, C. E. Persing and C. O. Wood.

IT READS LIKE FICTION

Nic and Mary Anderson were married on June 3, 1967 in Modesto, California, and immediately boarded ship for a one month's voyage which eventually took them to Germany. (What a honeymoon!). They arrived in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on the 3rd of July where Nic immediately assumed responsibilities as Religious Education Director for the Palatinate District. (Military). This includes eight Sunday Schools and five Catacetical Schools plus the Youth work for the District. Aside from this he has office duties at the Vogelweh Chapel. Mary is directing a Junior Choir at the Chapel. The opportunity for this very unusual ministry came through our own District Chaplain, Lt. Col. James H. Woods, who has just completed his tour of duty as Palatinate District Chaplain and is presently enroute to Vietnam.

Chaplain Woods has reported that the Andersons are doing a most outstanding job and that he considers them to be tops. He further states that we, as a District, can be proud to have such young people as this representing us in Germany.



Nic and Mary Anderson having coffee break at Religious Education Conference, Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Spring Semester At BBC

Registration for the spring semester at Bethany Bible College will take place January 22 and 23. Miss Carmine Wilson, registrar, states that advance applications indicate another increase in mid-term entrants. She added that the number of new students should reach about 70.

Room is still available for the new term, but persons interested in enrolling should process their applications immediately. Inquiries may be addressed to Miss Carmine Wilson, registrar, Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California.



Bethany's College Council, a laymen's organization, held their annual fund raising banquet on the college campus in Santa Cruz, Friday, November 10.

Shown here is the guest speaker for the occasion the Rev. Philip Gagliardi, pastor of the Kamloops Pentecostal assembly who is also the Minister of Highways for the Canadian province of British Columbia. Others at the head table include (l to r): Mrs. Hollingsworth; Mr. Ray Hol-

lingsworth, chairman of the College Council; Mrs. Burnett; and college president, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett.

At the conclusion of the evening, College Council members responded with pledges totaling \$15,380. This amount of money is to be used to defray costs of the new carpets installed during the summer in the men's and women's dormitories, the offices in Swanson Hall and in the college library.



Ken Studio Photo

CIVIC APPRECIATION DAY was observed Sunday at First Assembly of God, with honors going to KSRO station manager Frank McLaurin, second from left, to Mayor Hugh B. Coddington and the Police Chief, Melvin A. "Dutch" Flohr, right. The Rev. A. Watson Argue Jr., left, presented each with an engraved plaque and specially marked New Testament in appreciation for their services to the people of Santa Rosa.



PEOPLE AND PLACES

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PASTORS ROSE MARY BERLIN and ZELMA STRASDIN . . .

. . . are rejoicing in the improvements which have been made in the facilities of Gabbs Assembly. Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr., of Escalon and a number of the men from that congregation made it possible, through their labors of love, for the Gabbs Assembly to add on 3 large Sunday School rooms and an office in the 1000 sq. ft. included in the building program. The interior of the sanctuary was also improved and remodeled. The official dedication service on October 23 saw the building completely packed out with many local friends, including the Mayor, in attendance. Rev. R. A. Wilson, Jr. brought the dedicatory message and his father, Ass't. Supt. Wilson gave the prayer.

PAJARO FIRST ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . We are happy to report good attendance and response to the ministry of Ed Cole in our Assembly the last week in October.

Many sought the Lord for various needs, and a good number accepted the Lord as Savior! Brother Cole's illustrated messages will long be remembered.

Pajaro First Assembly was host to a Coast Counties Sectional W.M.C. Missionette Workshop on November 6 with approximately 125 in attendance for the noon luncheon and afternoon meetings.

Elmer and Lee Bueno, Missionary Appointees, presented their ministry on November 8.

We are thrilled to report a Sunday School increase of over 15% over the past year.

Pastor Ed Klinsky

BUTTE SECTION . . .

A farewell dinner given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. James Davidson of the Linda Church in Marysville and Rev. and Mrs. Al Lewis of Grass Valley was held at the Chinese Lantern in Yuba City on October 15 and was attended by 47 guests which included pastors, their wives and evangelists currently in meetings in the Butte section.

The Davidsons have accepted the pastorate at Sonora and moved the

following week. Reverend Davidson was the Sunday School Representative and Mrs. Davidson was Women's Missionary Council Director of the section. The Lewis family will be entering a missionary evangelistic ministry in Mexico in the near future.

Presbyter Bird of Live Oak was Master of Ceremonies and the program included testimonies from the honored guests and a nintroduction of the evangelists who were currently in revivals in this area.

Reported by Louis L. Roggow

SOUTH SHORE CHAPEL . . .

. . . enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Paul Schoch October 31 through November 3. Two received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for the rich ministry of our Brother Schoch; he and his wife were a real blessing to our people. Sunday evening the 26th of November, Rev. Gary Archer was guest speaker. We, of the Chapel, gratefully thank the churches and friends who responded to the call to assist this Home Missions outreach and enabled us to pave our parking lot. God has supplied the need and the work has been completed. How we rejoice to have this wonderful paved area on which to park. With the snows falling at present it has been a great blessing. May God richly bless each church and friend who shared.

Pastor Gerald Boyd

ANDERSON FIRST ASSEMBLY . . .

During our recent Kids Crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Senechal, over 30 boys and girls came forward to receive Christ as Savior. Total enrollment for the crusade was 241. A wonderful spirit of unity is present in the church and God is honoring the faithful prayers of His people by saving souls, healing the sick and filling hungry hearts with the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School continues to grow with an average attendance of 232 during our Enlargement Campaign. Twelve new members were recently received into the church.

Pastor Jim Logan

PASTOR PAUL R. KEETH . . .

. . . was recently officially installed as Pastor of Calvary Temple in Livermore. Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart conducted the installation and preached the message. The



REV. PAUL R. KEETH AND FAMILY

Livermore congregation is presently in a building program and hope to be in a portion of their new facilities in the very near future.

SUNNYVALE ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . has called the Reverend Robert Willis of Corpus Christi, Texas, to serve of their Pastor.

REVEREND R. J. THURMOND . . .

. . . was a recent guest evangelist at Evangel Temple Assembly in Redlands.

PASTOR RAY HACKETT . . .

. . . reports great victories in the Rio Vista Assembly. "An unusual move of the Spirit began on November 26 following the ministry of P. T. Mammen, student from Bethany Bible College. The young people of the church have spent long hours in prayer with seven being saved, seven receiving the Holy Spirit, and many lives being rededicated and renewed."

PASTOR WES LARSON, of Prunedale . . .

. . . Assembly of God Church reports a move forward for God in this suburb of Salinas. In the month of October, the average attendance was more than doubled from the average for October 1966. There was an average of 98 this October with a high of 154 in Sunday School.

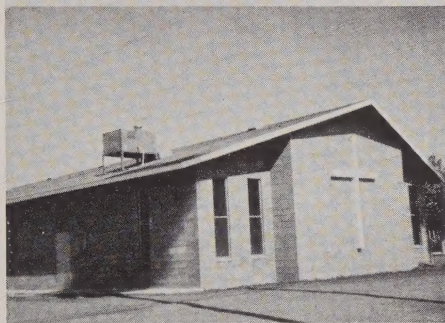
On November 5th, the church and pastor celebrated their third anniversary with a special service and an announcement of twelve acres of land purchased for a church site.

The last three days of September were used to promote a "Youth Awakening" Revival with Tim Zemanek of Hollister. Over a dozen teenagers were saved in these three nights.

A teen-age choir has been started under the leadership of Dan Crouch and Nancy Taylor.

ROBERTSON BLVD., CHOWCHILLA . . .

Dedication services were held on October 23, 1967, for the Robertson Blvd. Assembly of God in Chowchilla, Calif. The pastor is Rev. Jerry Burns. Rev. W. O. Vickery, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California-Nevada District, brought the dedicatory message. In the afternoon service, Rev. Earl Hubbard, sectional presbyter, was the speaker.



The church was built completely by faith. A year and a half ago, the church began raising funds to build the new sanctuary. They averaged an income of approximately \$1000 a month. Construction of the building began in November, 1966, and it was completed in May, 1967. No loan was acquired until after the building was completed. A small loan was then made to buy wall-to-wall carpeting, padded pews, central heating and air-conditioning. The new building is 40' by 100' with a seating capacity of 300. It includes a nursery, church offices, and pastor's study. The annex is a building of 30' by 100' which has fellowship hall, completely furnished kitchen and Sunday school rooms. The average attendance for the year was 118. The church is valued at \$52,000.

EVANGELIST LAVONNIE S. FERREN . . .

. . . reports good meetings in Arkansas and Tennessee. Pastor James Lemous of Lamar, Arkansas, reports the tremendous blessing Reverend Ferren's ministry was to his congregation.

EVANGELIST J. L. JEFFREY . . .

. . . has been in meetings in Oregon and Washington. He reports good results with many accepting Christ as Savior and Lord.



PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossies.

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BETHANY CHURCH, SACRAMENTO . . .

. . . and Pastor A. Dwight Burchett are rejoicing in the revival fires that continue to burn. People are continually being saved in the regular services. An all time record attendance was registered in Bethany Church during the enlargement campaign special emphasis with 307. Recent pulpit guests were the missionary Dillinghams, and Louis E. Weston.

ORLEANS ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . has enjoyed the ministry of Oscar Pitts, Missionary to American Indians, and Virgil Eldridge, Missionary - Evangelist to the Philip-pines. The congregation plans to be in their new building soon. "God is moving in our midst. Several have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We broke our Sunday School record with 74 present."

Pastor Vance Reynolds



OTHER PASTORAL CHANGES . . .

. . . Sonora, James Davidson; Marysville, Linda Assembly, David D. Schmidt; Livingston, Edward Michaelson; Kerman, Earl O. Dean; Sunnyvale, Robert Willis; Tuolumne, Phil Bigler; Westwood, Charles Robinson; Davis, John Blakeley; Lucerne, Ruby Enyart and Erna Petznick; Ripon, Paul Curry; Grass Valley, Lyndell Witt; Plymouth, Daniel Wood; Stockton, Faith Assembly, Mack Lancaster; Sacramento, Northgate Assembly, Robert Hudson; Sacramento, Calvary Temple, Gene Riggs; Greenville, Indian Assembly, Richard L. Anderson.

GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE, San Francisco . . .

Our World Outreach Convention at Glad Tidings Temple has as its theme "Till He Comes". The missionary team this year is Rev. J. Philip Hogan, executive director, Foreign Missions Department; Dr. C. Cordas Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California; Rev. Riley Kaufman, missionary to Hong Kong; Rev. Gene Anderson, missionary to Spain and Rev. Ovid Dillingham, missionary to India.

There will be an opening banquet on January 6 with Dr. C. Cordas Burnett as the speaker and International students bringing the music.

Rev. J. Philip Hogan is the main speaker for the convention with Rev. Riley Kaufman from Hong Kong speaking on January 7. There will also be 16mm colored films and reports from various fields.

Each Sunday School Department has chosen a mission field as their theme and will be decorating in curios, pictures and costumes for the Missionary Parade to be held on January 14.

The Theme is to occupy "Till He Comes" with the emphasis on Acts 1:8 Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth.

EVANGELIST AND MRS. C. G. "JERRY" ROBERTS . . .

. . . have conducted meetings throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Pastor L. G. Meier of Hilo and Pastor Kahalehili of Kahului, Maui, have sent in excellent reports of meetings their congregations have enjoyed with the Roberts.

OAK PARK ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . Superintendent Gerhart conducted official installation services for Pastor Steven Asmuth at Oak Park Assembly.

. . . Pastor William C. Mabery was recently installed in special services conducted by Superintendent Gerhart.

NEW PASTORS IN NEVADA . . .

. . . Lovelock, Derrill Sturgeon; McDermitt, T. R. Bradshaw; Owyhee, Ray W. York; Fallon, David E. Ross.

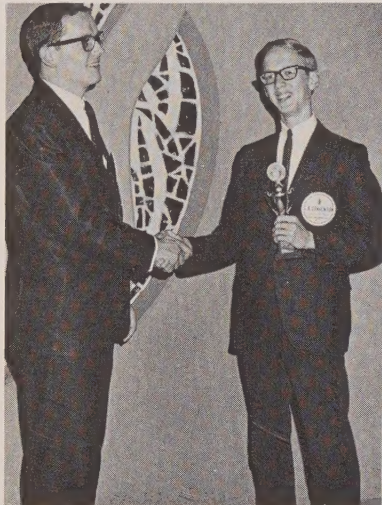


Above: D-Cap, Jim Argue, greets over 1,500 demonstrators on the Capitol steps.

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Mark Thallander, Stockton
First Place — Keyboard Solo



Cindy & Althea Holdcroft, Scotts Valley
First Place — Instrumental Ensemble



Gary Vian, Sacramento
First Place — Instrumental Solo



Above: Paul Forrest, Lodi
First Place — Vocal Solo



Tim and Steve Arch
First Place — Vocal

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to do —

Center: Enthusiastic demonstrators sing, "God Bless America."



Youth Scoop with T. Barnett, D. Eastman, C. Myers.



Above: First Lady of Gospel Song, Audrey Mieir



Tommy Barnett, Inspirational Youth Evangelist.

Hundreds of young people responded in meaningful dedication.



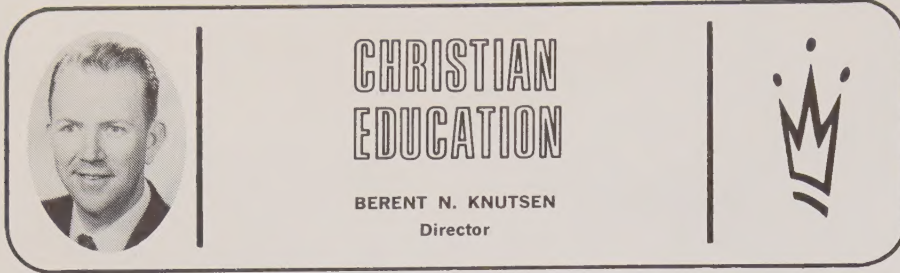
"We don't look funny but we were a scream" Roger Flessing and Jerry Shephard



Jim Argue, D-Cap (above) Leading C A. Chorus

Below: Christ's Ambassadors, in demonstration for "God and Country", listen attentively to guest speakers: Assemblyman Walter Powers and Appointment Secretary to Gov. Reagan, Paul Haerle.





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WATCH US GROW — REGIONAL CONVENTION

Great, inspiring, marvelous, fascinating, creative, out of sight. These are some of the words used to describe the "Watch Us Grow" Sunday School Tour just completed. I wish you could read all the comments praising Vic Trimmer, Irene Abrahamson, and the various Workshop Leaders. Catch the spirit of enthusiasm in the 1500 Sunday School Workers who attended from the selected comments that follow . . . "Northern California and Nevada is on its way to reaching its goal of Plus Ten by the end of this Sunday School year."

"I think it's great, I'm inspired."

I really enjoyed the convention—it helped me to realize the need of Sunday School and how I could do more."

"These tours are wonderful, inspirational and full of needed aids to a better Sunday School."

"Helps me realize more my responsibility for those I teach."

"Very good. Well planned. Speakers were excellent. Started too early—rush hour traffic."

"The workshops have given me new ideas and sources of material."

"Very helpful, much appreciated and much needed."

"Very aptly taught and demonstrated."

"Classes were stimulating and gave a needed boost after teaching a year."

"I think Plus Ten is a wonderful thought—surely we will win our goal of Plus Ten."

"Marvelous—didn't last long enough."

"Fascinating, creative."

"The Presence of the Holy Spirit was evident." This was our fervant prayer, that God would anoint teacher and listener alike. I trust God gave you a new vision for Sunday School at the convention.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the team that together made the convention tour such a success: the superintendents and pastors who encouraged their workers to attend, the planning team for the fine program, the speakers and workshop leaders for their prayerful study and presentations.

One final comment from a burdened Pastor bears repeating, "I only wish all of my staff were here." Pastor Eugene Ness of Fairfield Assembly had all but one staff mem-

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WHAT'S YOUR "I.Q." ON "BGMC"?

Cornish Jones,
Chairman BBMC Commission

"Ngizifuna izincadi," Unginka ibuka ka Jesu," that is Zule for "Let me have some papers, and give me the Jesus book," according to missionary James Stewart.

These are the cries the missionaries and colporteurs hear as eager hands reach out to them from the crowd gathered in the market places.

A new appetite has been created among hundreds of millions of people in pagan lands where for millenniums the masses have been content to live in intellectual and spiritual darkness. They are hungry to read and learn.

Gandi said, "The missionaries have taught us to read and the communists have given us the literature." Last year the communists produced two pieces of literature for every person on the globe.

Communism, Mohammdeanism, and innumerable cults have rushed in to take advantage of what the 'soldiers of the Cross' fought so hard to gain. Strange as it may seem, the Church, who sent forth it's soldiers to create this means of reaching pagans has been the slowest in utilizing it.

BGMC (Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade) was designed especially so children HERE could reach children THERE, through literature.

Our people must develop a missionary vision. There is no better time to implant a missionary vision in a person's life than in childhood. BGMC gives missionary training that will provide future missionary-minded church leaders. All too often we spend great effort trying to get older folk to develop a vision for faithful giving while at the same time we allow scores of youngsters

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January Is Training Month

This year's course endeavors to show what the hope of Christ's coming meant to the early Christians—with resulting applications to the Christian and more specifically to the Sunday School teacher and his teaching. Why not make the course a whole church project? The subject of this book is as up-to-date as the newspaper.

The book "The Promise Of His Coming," The Instructor's Guide, and flannel graph illustrations, may be ordered through the District C.E. Department.



1—Vic Trimmer, "What's your excuse?"; 2—Irene Abrahamson, "No Paste, use canned milk!" 3—S.S. Reps Russel Griffin, Pike Robinson were on the convention planning team with Director Knutsen; 4—Pastor Eugene Ness' church in Fairfield chartered a bus to attend the convention; 5—A teacher with a vision; 6—Receptive ears.

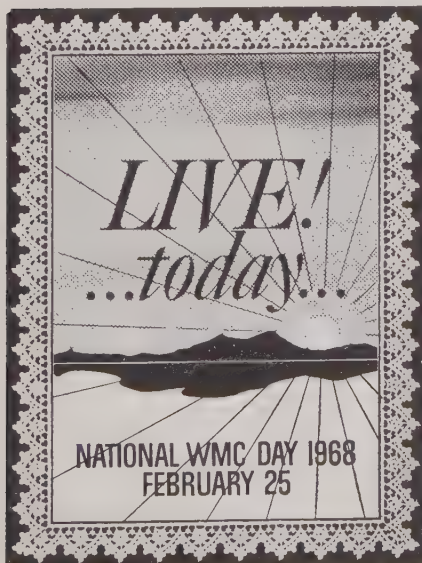
LIVE! . . . today . . .

February 25, 1968, will be observed as National WMC Day in Assemblies of God churches. The theme of this year's special day is **LIVE! . . . today . . .**

Pastors will receive a poster and preview of the program in the February, 1968 edition of *ADVANCE*. Local WMC presidents will receive a letter of instruction and sample program materials from the National WMC Department by January 15. Presidents not receiving this mailing may request it from the national department. An order form will be found in the program guide printed in February *ADVANCE*.

The contributions received on this day supply the major part of the support of the WMC, YWMC, and Missionettes ministries. This makes possible the continuance of the provision of free materials and services to district, sectional, and local leaders as well as home and foreign missions and benevolent institutions.

Each year wonderful testimonies are received telling of God's blessing upon local WMC Day services. Pray that this year will be no exception.



NATION'S FIRST "Y" CONVENTION

They came from all over our District—and now they can say, "I was there."

The air was static with excitement when the finalists for Miss "Y" stood and spoke on subjects they were given while on their feet. Miss "Y" would be judged by an impressive panel of judges; Rev. Gene Forrest, Lodi; Rev. Clyde Henson, Sacramento; Mrs. Ruth Gerhart, Mrs. Ruby Edgar and Miss Jeanette Book all of Santa Cruz.

Applause broke out when Miss Jeannie Balestrini of San Leandro was announced as Miss "Y".

Tears were in her eyes as Rev. Frank Mapes handed her a bouquet of red roses and Rev. Dick Eastman sang, "Here She Is". And that was just the beginning, for she was to be escorted throughout the day by Mr. Paul Forrest of Lodi and chauffeured by Derrel Sheley in a gold Cadillac to the banquet in her honor at the El Dorado Hotel.

This happening at the Convention was only a small portion of a wonderful day.

Mrs. Angeline Tucker of Springfield, Missouri, who is the author of all the materials for the "Y" Program was the speaker. Many girls felt an urgent need for rededication as they heard Mrs. Tucker reiterate her experiences in the Congo where her husband was martyred just a very few years ago.

Missionary students from Bethany Bible College were there to give their inspiring testimonies. And missionaries' daughters, Beth Johnson, Karen Lindvall and Loris Dillingham told of their lives on foreign fields.

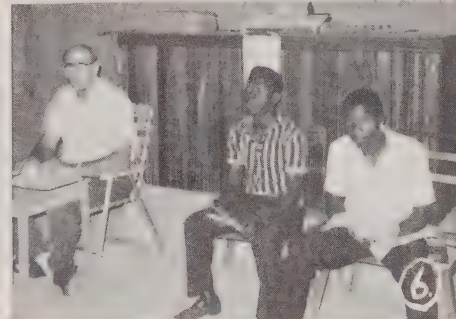
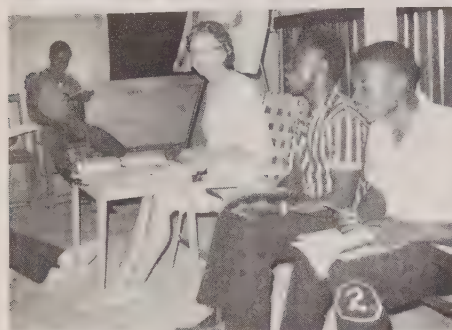
The Banquet at the El Dorado was elegant. Gary Vian and his sacred roving violin entertained the girls as they ate and a display of garments for various occasions was presented. A highlight was when a recently married girl modeled her wedding gown for the girls. Mrs. Tucker again spoke to the girls on the necessity of consecration.

All said and done—it is good to be able to say "I was there."



THE KOCKERS — LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

A PICTURE STORY:



- 1 J. Kocker by Speed-the-Light camper at Bong Mine where Bible studies were held for 3 weeks.
- 2 Mrs. Kocker with two interpreters, teaching at Bong Mine.
- 3 Mrs. Kocker gives out tracts, sells Bibles and gospel literature.
- 4 J. Kocker with three pastors in Bong Mine area who join together in Bible studies.
- 5 Part of group of about 90 Christians who attended the Bible studies every night in spite of having to walk one or two miles in rain (the women carrying their babies).



TOP—Alex and Ann Shevchuk, Peter, 4½ and Bennie, 1 year. BOTTOM—A group of FEBC ladies in native costume (Ann 2nd from left.)

DON AND RUBY McMURRAY ...

... are now home from Malaysia for their furlough and are itinerating to inform the churches of the results

of their ministry. They reside at 1049 Marquette Way, San Leandro, Calif. 94579.. Telephone: Area 415-351-9064.



DON AND RUBY McMURRAY (Center Front) are welcomed by friends on their arrival from Malaysia.



RALPH AND JEWEL WILLIAMS at home in Venezuela.

ALEX SHEVCHUK WRITES . . .

. . . "Two years and two months have passed since we joined the staff of 'Christian Radio City Manila, Philippines'. From our stations the Gospel goes forth in 39 languages and dialects. From November 1967, station DZAS is on the air 24 hours. On Sundays we go out speaking in different towns and villages of the Philippines. Once a week we have the privilege of speaking at a Chinese High School with nearly a thousand students." The Shevchuks write of interesting results of the radio ministry which penetrates where missionaries are not able to go.

DUBLIN

The Home Missions Board became seriously interested in starting a new church in Dublin 5 or 6 years ago.

This was a cross-roads community for many years. A large subdivision known as San Ramon was opened and people began to move in. Other subdivisions were opened up. Today there is a population of about 25,000 people in the area.

The Home Missions Board considered several men to open this church. Gene Anderson who had been associate pastor in Hayward was chosen.

The church was opened in a home owned by Brother Smith. Services continued in the home until the crowds were so large that the neighbors objected. The school building was secured for a meeting place until a church was built.

An ideal location was secured and a church building erected out of Minuteman funds.

Today there is a fine congregation which is financially self supporting. Gene Anderson is to be commended for his fine leadership.

Rev. Anderson upon receiving appointment from the Foreign Missions Department for missionary work in Spain, submitted his resignation as pastor to take place January 1, 1968.



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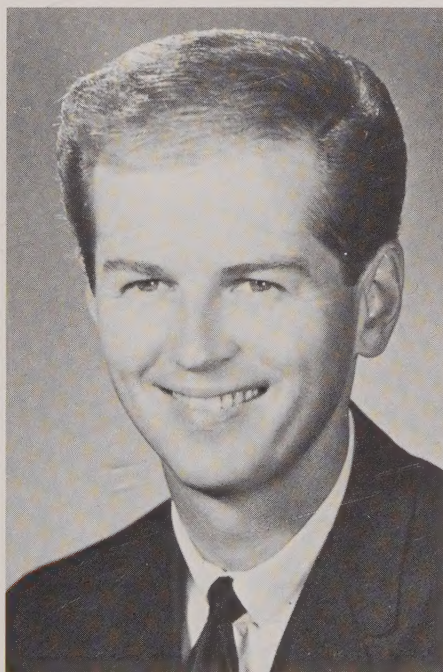


RALPH AND JEWEL WILLIAMS . . .

. . . of Venezuela rejoice that the Lord has raised up over ninety national ministers for the evangelization of their country. A little over a year and a half ago one of these, Angel Sardi, by faith opened an Evangelistic Center and now has a growing congregation of ninety attending Sunday School.

MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARIES

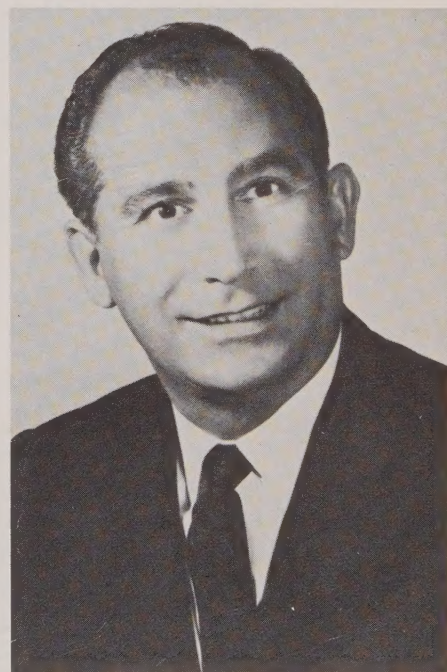
Spain is the country to which Gene and Joan Anderson have received their appointment from the Foreign Missions Dept., Springfield, Mo. After graduating from Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., Gene served as assistant pastor in Delano, Calif. and associate pastor at Hayward's Bethel Temple before pioneering a church in Dublin, Calif. which he pastored until his appointment. He begins his itineration in January and is available for services and conventions. The Andersons, with their three small children, will continue to reside at 8775 Longford Way, Dublin, Calif. 94566. Dial 415-828-0232.



GENE ANDERSON

After serving nearly four years as pastor of the Lafayette Assembly of God, Joseph Perna has resigned to enter missionary work. He and his wife, Virginia, received their appointment in November as missionaries to Europe. He plans to start his itineration the latter part of January and is available for conventions and services. Brother Perna is a graduate of Northeast Bible College. Besides evangelistic ministry in the United States and Mexico, Mr. Perna has pastored in Hanover and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was Director of Christian Education and Youth at Richmond Full Gospel Temple before pastoring in Lafayette. The Pernas have two children. They are living at 1849 LaCassie Ave., Apt. #6, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596. Dial 415-935-2376.

Demetrios (Brother Jimmy) Zachariou has been approved by the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Mo. for Overseas Evangelism. He will be ministering in Greece. He can be reached at 1771 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94608. Dial 415-533-5624.



JOSEPH PERNA

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An accreditation evaluation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges was conducted on the campus of Bethany Bible College Monday and Tuesday, November 27 and 28. Members of the evaluation team included: (l. to r.) Dr. William B. Perkins, S.J., from the University of Santa Clara; Dr. Corinne Gilb, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Paul A. Lee, University of California, Santa Cruz; Dr. Vernard Eller, LaVerne College; and Dr. William G. Swee-
ney, San Jose State.

Bethany Bible College became regionally accredited in January, 1966, and as other colleges, must be periodically re-examined for continuation of this academic achievement.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Reverend Daniel N. Robinson who went to be with his Lord on October 25. "Brother Dan" was known and loved by many friends throughout the entire District. He came to California in 1935 and had pastored Assemblies in Salida, Ceres and Empire. For many years, he served as a District Presbyter and was highly esteemed by his fellow ministers. His going is a very real loss to the District and to the work of God. His memorial service was conducted in Calvary Temple, Modesto, November 1, with the Reverends David Hood, Hugo Williams, and Joseph L. Gerhart officiating. We assure the widow, Mrs. Icie Robinson, of our sincere prayers that God will give solace and comfort in the loss of her beloved husband.

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ber in attendance. His secret: each member had to attend—there was no excuse for not attending. A Greyhound bus was chartered, and their registration was paid for by the church. See you next year, if the Lord tarries.

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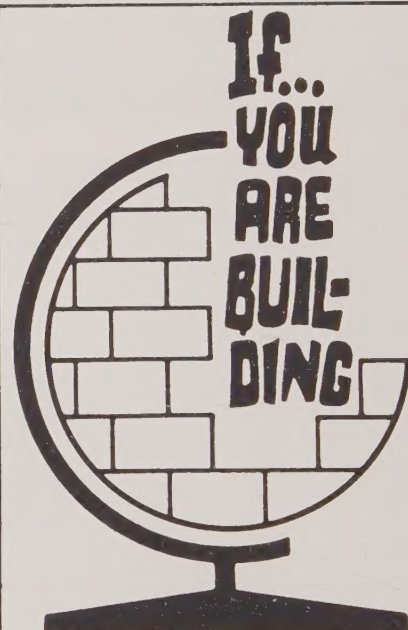
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to grow-up untrained in this vital area.

During the past two years, 21% of the Sunday Schools in the Northern California and Nevada District have participated in the BGMC Program. The problem in most Sunday schools is the lack of leadership with a burden for the work. Some churches have found the solution by appointing a "Superintendent of BGMC." This person gives full time contacting children, keeping them reminded and utilizing ideas for promotion.

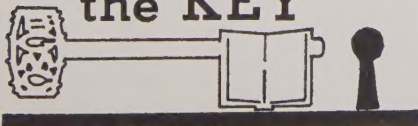
Our National Headquarters puts out a quarterly packet which gives excellent guidance and helps for the BGMC leader. Why not challenge yourself, Pastor or Sunday School Superintendent, and see what can be done in your church for BGMC. Let's not be content at being 25th place in District participation in this most important area of child-training for missionary outreach. Let's catch the vision for BGMC! Write the "BGMC Commission," Attention Cornish Jones, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060, for information on starting a BGMC program in your church.



MILLIONS ARE LOCKED OUT

Gospel literature provided by the **Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade** has opened the door of full salvation to hundreds of thousands. But the job that remains demands our best! **February 4 is BGMC Day**, when adults are invited to join as our boys and girls push toward their goal for this year of \$51,000. Make **BGMC Day** a BIG day in your church.

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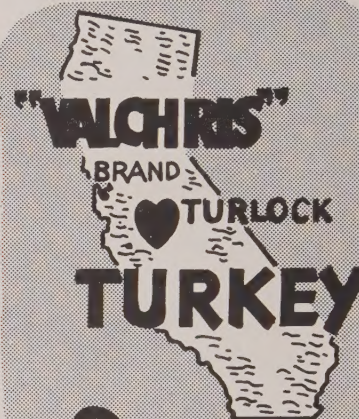
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